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SUBJECT: ECE - WESTERN CAUCUS ON 22ND SESSION OF  
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT ON TRADE

SUMMARY: WESTERN CAUCUS CONSIDERED AGENDA FOR SUBJECT  
MEETING. GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT SESSION WILL BE  
UNEVENTFUL SINCE MEMBERS AWAITING CSCE RESULTS WHICH  
COULD HAVE IMPACT ON COMMITTEE'S WORK. INDUSTRIAL  
COOPERATION SHOULD RECEIVE ATTENTION AND DECISIONS  
REQUIRED ON SEVERAL SUBSIDIARY MEETINGS. NO RESOLUTIONS  
ANTICIPATED. END SUMMARY

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR FERNAND-LAURENT CONVENED WESTERN  
CAUCUS NOVEMBER 14 TO REVIEW AGENDA FOR 22ND SESSION  
OF COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE. ANNE WARBURTON,  
WHO WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF SESSION, LED DISCUSSION  
WHICH LARGELY CONFINED TO UK VIEWS WITH WHICH OTHERS  
GENERALLY CONCURRED.

2. MISS WARBURTON SAID THAT CSCE UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD  
INFLUENCE WORK OF COMMITTEE SINCE CONFERENCE RESULTS ARE  
AWAITED WHICH MIGHT HAVE IMPACT ON FUTURE WORK OF COMMITTEE.

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MANY DELEGATES TO COMMITTEE ARE PARTICIPATING IN BASKET II

(ECONOMIC) DELIBERATIONS OF CSCE WHERE SIMILAR ISSUES BEING CONSIDERED.

3. ACCORDING TO MISS WARBURTON, PREVAILING VIEW, INCLUDING EASTERN EUROPEANS, IS THAT THIS SESSION WILL BE LOW-KEY AND THAT TRADE POLICY WILL NOT BE GIVEN PROMINENT ATTENTION IN LIGHT OF CSCE DELIBERATIONS. SHE DOES NOT FEEL THAT THE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS FROM TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION WILL BE PURSUED.

4. MISS WARBURTON HOPES THAT SUBSTANTIVE WORK CAN BE COMPLETED BY A.M. NOVEMBER 29 ON BASIS OF FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

ITEM 3 (STANOVNIK ADDRESS), A.M. NOVEMBER 26TH;  
ITEM 4, P.M. 26TH AND A.M. 27TH;  
ITEM 5, P.M. 27TH;  
ITEM 6, A.M. 28TH;  
ITEMS 7-10, P.M. 28TH;  
ITEMS 11-12, A.M. 29TH.

5. COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC ITEMS FOLLOW:

ITEM 4 - HOPEFULLY EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON TRADE DEVELOPMENT RATHER THAN TRADE POLICY.

ITEM 5 - SUB-ITEMS (A) AND (B) SHOULD PASS WITH LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION AND NO ACTION. SUB-ITEM (C) WHICH CONCERNS A FURTHER MEETING OF EXPERTS ON TRADE WILL REQUIRE DISCUSSION. PROPOSED THEME WOULD BE DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST-WEST TRADE: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS. SOME MEMBERS OF CAUCUS FELT THAT SUBJECT TOO BROAD BUT AGREED THAT THERE NO SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE. BACKGROUND PAPER FOR THIS MEETING WAS CRITICIZED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF EC AND FRG AS BIASED TOWARD EASTERN VIEWS. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT PAPER NOT AN OFFICIAL SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT, THESE REPRESENTATIVES FELT THAT IT SHOULD BE CRITICIZED AT TRADE MEETING AND THAT SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO REVISE AND UPDATE IT. AGREED THAT EARLY 1975 WOULD BE BEST TIME FOR SEMINAR.

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ITEM 6 (A) - ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION SHOULD RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL ATTENTION BY COMMITTEE. ANALYTICAL REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION (E/ECE/844) HAS NOT BEEN CONSIDERED PREVIOUSLY BY THIS COMMITTEE. PAPERS CONTAINING COMMENTS BY CHEMICAL COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP ON CONTRACT PRACTICES IN INDUSTRY WILL BE ISSUED FOR THIS SUB-ITEM.

ITEM 6 (B) - CONCERNING A SEMINAR ON PROBLEMS OF PAYMENTS,

FINANCING AND RELATED ISSUES OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION  
WILL REQUIRE ACTION. SECRETARIAT HAS SUGGESTED DESIGNATING  
FOUR TO SIX RAPORTEURS IN LIEU OF A SEMINAR IN HOPE OF  
OBTAINING GREATER EASTERN PARTICIPATION. THIS ALTERNATIVE  
WAS SUPPORTED BY CAUCUS.

ITEM 6 (C) - SHOULD NOT PROVOKE MUCH DISCUSSION.

6. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS ON OTHER AGENDA ITEMS EXCEPT  
ITEM 11 (WORK PROGRAM). CAUCUS FELT THAT THERE WOULD NOT  
BE DETAILED DISCUSSION OF LONG-TERM WORK PROGRAM  
(1974-79) SINCE CSCE ACTIONS COULD AFFECT THIS PROGRAM.

7. NO RESOLUTIONS ARE ANTICIPATED DURING THIS SESSION  
ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF DECISIONS WILL BE TAKEN.  
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